

The Foggy Bottom News

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THE VOICE OF FOGGY BOTTOM

September 1964

THE CIRCLE -- BEFORE IT WAS

Washington Circle was not laid out until the early 1860's and before that time, the area was an open commons with a cow pasture. K Street and Pennsylvania Avenue intersected diagonally, where George Washington now rides his horse in the middle of the Circle.

In the early 1840's, according to the chronicle of an old resident, Mrs. Sarah Vedder, the commons was as much of a hazard to pedestrians as the Circle is today -- but for different reasons. Indeed, our section of Washington City was a model of unplanned urban development. The great, the merely respectable, and the definitely uncouth lived in a careless proximity to each other, sharing equally in noise-some conditions.

In the area east of what is now Washington Circle, there was a sizeable public market on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue, between 20th and 21st Sts. Directly behind the open market, with its hub-bub and smells, there was a row of residences belonging to a number of wealthy and distinguished families. A branch of the Patterson family of Baltimore (one of whose daughters, Elizabeth, had married Jerome Buonaparte) lived at the end of the block where the Park Lane Apartment building stands.

West of 21st Street on the north side of the Avenue, about where the Circle Theatre is now, there were the handsome Six Buildings which were painted a light color to distinguish them from the equally famous Seven Buildings two blocks east (see our February 1964 issue). Passing the Six Buildings which had served variously as government offices and as residences of the famous (July FBN), there were no more buildings on the north side of the Avenue as far as the open commons.

From the empty stretch of commons in 1840, one had a clear view northwards to "Kalorama" where the new Hilton Hotel is now rising.

There were no pavements or sidewalks along Pennsylvania Avenue beyond the Six Buildings, but large stepping stones had been laid more than a foot apart to keep one out of the mud. After passing over the stones, one came to a cluster of houses -- the so-called "Round Tops" -- standing northwest of the Circle area. Built in 1798, these dwellings had acquired a highly unsavory reputation by 1840, apparently having become the local center of vice and violence.

According to Mrs. Vedder, this area was just as infamous and fearsome as the terrible "Five Points" in New York City. She relates that she, together with some 15 or 20 other girls from the city, had to pass the "Round Tops" every day as they walked to school in Georgetown. The girls would wait each morning on the corner of 22nd Street and all go together, for they were afraid to pass this group of houses alone.

After the "Round Tops", there were three or four brick houses of three stories -- an uncommon sight in our "west end", where most of the dwellings were only two floors high at best. Westward, where the Columbia Hospital stands, was a house on the top of the hill belonging to Paget, the French Minister. No other buildings except for a few tumble down shacks were in the area along Pennsylvania Avenue as far as Rock Creek and the bridge to Georgetown. Turning around and coming back along the south side of the Avenue, one passed a large white brick house in the block between 24th and 25th Streets, then two or three little frame houses, and one was back near the "Round Tops".

FBA Meetings: Last Monday in each month.

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - 8:00 P.M.

NEW THIRD PRECINCT BUILDING
23RD AND L STREETS, N. W.

PROGRAM

LECTURE-TOUR OF NEW METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT THIRD PRECINCT
STATION. CAPTAIN RAYMOND PYLES OF
THE THIRD WILL DESCRIBE OPERATIONS
AND SERVICES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Near the intersection of K Street and the Avenue stood the house of our opium-eating friend, Mr. Fox, about whom we wrote in our last issue. No houses or sidewalks existed between Mr. Fox's house until almost 21st Street.

Opposite the Six Buildings were a few residences with porches, and the sidewalks

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 FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

District Affairs Norman Frumkin
 Membership Rufus Lisle
 Planning Alex Wiskup

The Foggy Bottom Association meets on the last Monday of each month. The NEWS is published by the Association's Public Relations Committee and distributed approximately ten days prior to the meeting date. All copy is required by the tenth of the month of publication.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS
 FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JULY 31, 1964

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 777.50	
Ads in FBN	2010.13	
Profit on FB Party 7/11/64	17.32	
Profit on FBN Reprints	33.41	\$2838.36

EXPENSES

Parish Hall Rental	\$ 90.00	
Printing & Dist. of FBN	2065.57	
Bank Service Charges	4.55	
Legal & Secretarial Charges	67.50	
Subscrip. to D. C. Register	5.00	
Harpsichord Rental (2)	70.00	
Misc. Supplies & Postage	19.21	
NTHP Membership	25.00	
Refunds on Overpaid Dues	13.50	
Print. & Dist. Spec. Notices	120.16	2480.49

NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u>\$ 357.87</u>
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BALANCE SHEET
 AS OF JULY 31, 1964

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 717.04
Petty Cash	20.00

NET WORTH

Surplus, July 31, 1963	\$ 379.17	
Net Income for Year	357.87	<u>\$ 737.04</u>

Prepared by:
 Elizabeth B. Winspear
 Treasurer

SEPTEMBER MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE
 NEW THIRD PRECINCT BUILDING

For the second consecutive time the Foggy Bottom Association's monthly meeting will be a "field trip" of sorts.

On Monday, September 28, the Association members will gather at 8 p.m. at the Metropolitan Police Department's new Third Precinct Station at the corner of 23rd and L Streets, N. W.

In addition to touring the new installation, members will meet Captain Raymond Pyles and some of his Third Precinct staff.

The Captain will not only point out the station's facilities, but also will describe precinct operations and services to the neighborhood. The new community relations organization, recently established by Police Chief Murray will also be discussed with the membership.

The present precinct station, next to the Western Market at 21st and K Streets, will be vacated as soon as the installation of needed communications and other equipment is completed at the new site.

REGISTRATION DRIVE ENDS SEPTEMBER 19

A big push to increase the number of registered and therefore eligible voters in Washington is underway and all 91 precinct locations are open Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is the final push for registration since the closing date in the precincts is September 19. Bottomites can also register during the week at the District Building from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Anyone having lived in the District since November 3, 1963, never having been convicted of a felony (or not subsequently pardoned) or judged mentally incompetent, can register.

Those who registered for last April's primary don't have to go through the process again. Registration for the general election does not require statement of party affiliation.

It's your chance to

VOTE

INTERESTED IN A GET-TOGETHER FOR FOGGY BOTTOM YOUNG PEOPLE?

There has been some interest shown in FBA sponsored parties for single people who would like to meet more of their Foggy Bottom neighbors. If enough interest can be generated, the Association hopes to try something along the lines of a get-together for single area residents sometime in the near future.

Any thoughts and suggestions on the matter will certainly be welcome as will offers to work on this project. Please contact Bill Simon at 333-7514.

PLANNING COMMITTEE NEWLY ORGANIZED

A new Association Committee has been formed to work toward development of an overall plan for Foggy Bottom's future. The new Planning Committee will undertake consideration of such problems as the development of additional high-rise apartment buildings in the area. The operation of parking lots and the possibilities of future air-rights buildings will also be studied. Other matters of importance to residents of Foggy Bottom that will be looked into will be parks and playgrounds, use of land for highways and general landscaping for the neighborhood.

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR THE YEAR

Continuing in his capacity of past years, Rufus Lisle will once again serve the Foggy Bottom Association as its Membership Committee Chairman. Norman Frumkin has accepted the appointment as Chairman of the District Affairs Committee, and Alex Wiskup will head up the newly formed Planning Committee for the coming year. Working with Mr. Wiskup will be Melita Rodeck, Don Carbone, Dick Bartle and James Burkhardt.

CONDITIONS AT WASHINGTON CIRCLE ARE IMPROVING

Improved safety precautions continue to be initiated at Washington Circle and credit should be given to our local citizens, the Police Department, and the Foggy Bottom Association.

The Third Precinct has completed a study of traffic problems, in which men of the precinct were assigned to spot-check difficulties encountered by the users of the Circle.

The precinct has made recommendation to the Highway Department that installation of traffic lights is a definite necessity but meantime, "Pedestrian Crossing" signs are being erected around the Circle.


Traffic lights will be established and the preliminary work is already under way.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Mrs. Lloyd Dutch, of 2407 Eye Street, wishes to thank the many friends and neighbors of Foggy Bottom for their thoughtfulness and consideration following the death of her husband.

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CONSTRUCTION TO START ON APARTMENT BUILDING

Work is scheduled to begin about October 1 on a new apartment building at the corner of 25th and K Sts. The first phase, demolition of the building presently at that site, will take about three months. Construction is scheduled to start January 1 and completion is expected around the end of 1965.

The building will contain 225 units, most of which will be one-bedroom apartments. A sun-deck and a swimming pool on the roof will also be available for the use of residents.

WASHINGTON VISITORS

Marjory Hendricks, owner of Water Gate Inn, has recently devoted some time enjoying -- and we are sure, being enjoyed by -- her two visiting grandsons, David (15) and Michael (11) Davis who were here from Vermillion, South Dakota. Marjory took the lads to the World's Fair; to her newest venture in Annapolis, the Maryland Inn; and they also spent an enchanted weekend at the country home of their great aunt, Genevieve Hendricks, Humming Hollow, in the mountains near Bluemont, Virginia. David and Michael are the sons of Marjory's son, Roger Todd Davis, professor of psychology at the University of South Dakota.

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The Circle -- Before It Was (continued)

began. Dr. William Magruder had a house on the corner of 21st Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. One could see, from that point, south to the Potomac River and west to Observatory Hill at 23rd and E. At night, the red glare of the glassworks along 23rd Street could be seen from 21st and the Avenue across the open fields.

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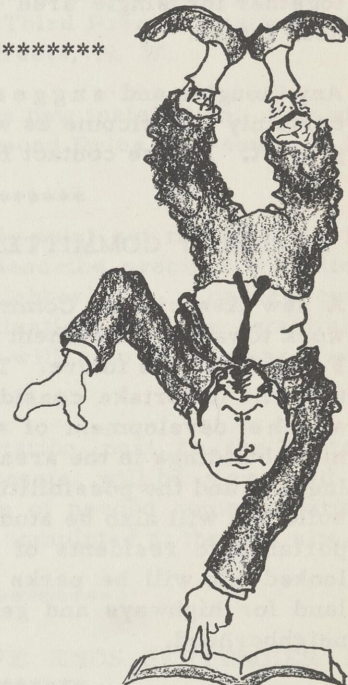
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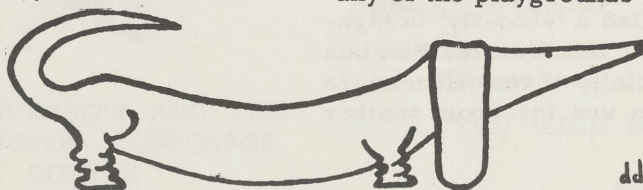
UNIQUE PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL PLANNED FOR FOGGY BOTTOM

Pedestrian tunnels are intended for convenience and safety. But they can also be a place for a would-be thief or attacker to wait in hiding for an unsuspecting victim.

A tunnel that will provide a means for pedestrians to cross K Street at 26th will, it is hoped, avoid such dangers. Because of the height of the roadway at the point where the tunnel is to be constructed, the tunnel will be only slightly below sidewalk level and you will be able to see almost all the way through it from the sidewalk. In addition, the tunnel will be brightly lit, to discourage loiterers.

CHARWOMAN RECOMMENDED

Several extremely satisfied Bottomites highly recommended to us a charwoman who desires evening work, teaming up with her husband. References will be furnished if called at 462-5920.



THE CIRCLE THEATRE
PROUDLY PRESENTS
 SEPT.
 20-22 UNDER THE YUMYUM TREE & NOTORIOUS LANDLADY
 23-24 OUR MAN IN HAVANA PLUS THE RUNNING MAN
 25-26 THE MOUSE THAT ROARED & I'M ALL RIGHT JACK
 PLUS RUNNING, JUMPING AND STANDING STILL
 27-28 THE CARDINAL PLUS JACQUELINE KENNEDY'S
 ASIAN JOURNEY
 29-30 BALLAD OF A SOLDIER PLUS MY NAME IS IVAN
 OCT.
 1-3 AMERICA, AMERICA PLUS DYLAN THOMAS
 4-6 MOVE OVER DARLING & THE WHEELER-DEALERS
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"Many Moons", a fairytale for children of all ages, will be presented Saturday, September 26th, at the Roosevelt Auditorium, 13th and Upshur Streets.

The story revolves around Princess Lenore and her desire for the moon. The delightful fairytale was written by James Thurber and dramatized by Charlotte Chorpenning. The production will carry thru the theme that "things are as you see them". The scenery suggests the building blocks of a playroom; the characters themselves rearrange the set pieces to create the different locales; and - just a touch of imagination makes it "what you will". The play is lively and imaginative, full of joy and whimsy.

The production is being sponsored by the Children's Theatre of Washington, a division of the Recreation Department. There will be two performances: the first at 10:30 A.M. and again at 2:30 P.M. on the 26th. Tickets (reserved 90¢ and general 50¢) are available at the D. C. Recreation Department, 3149 Sixteenth Street, ADams 4-2050, extension 21) or at any of the playgrounds in the city.

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LATEST INFORMATION FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department has provided us with the latest information on the progress of their work in Foggy Bottom.

The construction of service roadways in the 2600 block of K Street is proceeding on schedule. Completion of this work, on both sides of the street, is expected in November or December.

Around the end of the year, traffic onto and off the Whitehurst Freeway will once again use the direct ramps from K Street. Shortly thereafter, the temporary ramp leading into Eye Street will be closed, and it is expected that normal two-way traffic will be restored on Eye and 25th Streets. Eye Street, however, will be permanently sealed off west of 26th Street.

Target date for the opening of the E Street Expressway is presently July 4, 1965, except for connecting ramps from the Whitehurst Freeway.

The temporary roadway (called a 'shoo-fly' in highway engineers' parlance) that now carries Virginia Avenue traffic in the vicinity of New Hampshire Avenue is expected to be in use for about another year.



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This class is not only for Catholics, but also those interested in a better understanding of the Church in the light of the Second Vatican Council and the trends of the Ecumenical Spirit. This class (once a week) will begin on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:45 and will last into December. All are welcome.

MASSES

Sunday: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12:10, and 12:55

Holy Days: 6, 7, 8, 9, 11:15, 12:10, and 12:55

Two Evening Masses: 6:30 and 7:45 p.m.

First Friday: 6:30, 7:30, 12:10, and 6:30 p.m.

Week Days: 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. Monday: 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday 4 to 6 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND THE
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The George Washington University and the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will venture into a new program of religious education this fall. The University's College of General Studies and the Archdiocese will sponsor a three credit course in the Study of the Old Testament with Fr. Christian Ceroke, O. Carm. of the Catholic University as the instructor. Fr. Ceroke, a scripture scholar and currently Associate Editor of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, will conduct his classes at the Immaculate Conception Academy, 24th and K Streets, N. W., on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:10 to 8:30. The first class will be on Tuesday evening, September 23. The course is open to anyone qualified for college work.

The College of General Studies and the Council of Churches of the Greater Washington Area co-sponsor a similar course at the First Baptist Church, 16th and O Streets, N. W., where Dr. Robert Jones, Head of the Religion Department of The George Washington University, will conduct a class every Monday evening from 7 until 9:30 p.m. beginning on October 5. Registration will take place on the first night of class at both the Immaculate Conception Academy and at the First Baptist Church.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2430 K Street, N. W.SUNDAYS

Matins at 7:45 A.M. and Low Mass at 8:00 A.M.

Sung Mass and Church School at 9:00 A.M.

High Mass and Sermon at 11:15 A.M.

Solemn Evensong and Benediction at 8:00 P.M.

DAILY

Matins at 6:45 A.M. Low Mass at 7:00 A.M. and
Evensong at 6:00 P.M.

Also Masses on Tuesday and Saturday at 9:30 A.M.,

Thursday at 12 Noon and as announced

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10:00 A.M. Young Adult Roundtable

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

7:00 P.M. Evening Prayer - Young Adult Fellowship

CONCORDIA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Concordia Church, 20th and G Streets, expresses the hope that all readers of the Foggy Bottom News had a delightful summer.

The full program of activities has resumed at Concordia including the regular Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock and Bible School at 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Henry C. Koch, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons on the theme: "Developing Personal Attitudes In A Demanding Society". The public is most cordially invited to attend any or all of the services at Concordia.

ALL FOGGY BOTTOM RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIPS - OR TO JOIN THE FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING SEPTEMBER!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Support your area Association — meet your neighbors — participate in your community affairs. The Association works for everyone living in the Foggy Bottom area.

The objectives of the Association are:

- . Promotion of community interests of the residents in the area
- . Preservation of the character of Foggy Bottom
- . Improvement of the neighborhood
- . Development of greater personal pride in Foggy Bottom
- . Maintenance of close and good relationships with the District Government and Senate and House District Committees
- . Gives us all the opportunity to express ourselves, individually and collectively, on community affairs.

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